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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF CNA-WASHINGTON MAY 19 REPORT ON AMBASSADOR UNGER'S LUNCHEON REMARKS TO CHINESE CORRESPONDENTS WHICH WAS FRONTPAGED ALL TAIPEI PAPERS MAY 21 AND PROMINENTLY REPORTED ON TELEVISION NEWSCASTS MAY 20.

2. (BEGIN TEXT) U.S. AMBASSADOR LEONARD UNGER TODAY SPOKE HIGHLY OF THE WISE LEADERSHIP AND SOLIDARITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

3. UNGER, THE U.S. ENVOY TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS, WAS THE HONORED GUEST OF A LUNCHEON JOINTLY HOSTED BY THE CHINESE CORRESPONDENTS HERE TODAY.

4. THE VETERAN U.S. DIPLOMAT, WHO HAS SERVED IN TAIPEI
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FOR SLIGHTLY OVER A YEAR, SAID THAT HIS OVERALL IMPRESSIONS ABOUT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

5. FIRST, HE SAID THAT HE WAS STRUCK WITH THE "INCREDIBLE

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ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT" IN TAIWAN.

6. SECOND, AMBASSADOR UNGER TOLD THE CHINESE PRESS CORPS HERE THAT HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE "SOLIDARITY" OF THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. UNGER ELABORATED ON THIS BY NOTING THE COMMITMENT OF THE PEOPLE TO WORK TOGETHER AND WORK FOR A COMMON CAUSE.

7. IN CONNECTION WITH THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING ON TAIWAN, AMBASSADOR UNGER MADE THE POINT THAT THE GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR IS MUCH NARROWER THAN THAT OF THE AREA WHERE HE HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED.

8. SPEAKING OF THE GAP, AMBASSADOR UNGER ALSO OBSERVED THAT THE HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, INCLUDING MINISTERS AND GENERALS, LIVE MODERATELY.

9. UNGER PRAISED THE GOOD EDUCATION AND SKILLS OF THE TOP LEADERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. HE RECALLED THAT IT WAS EASY FOR HIM TO GET ALONG AND WORK WITH THE CHINESE LEADERS IN TAIWAN.

10. AMBASSADOR UNGER ATTRIBUTED THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT OF THE WORLD-WIDE INFLATION AND RECESSION TO ITS WISE LEADERSHIP AND SOLIDARITY OF THE PEOPLE. THANKS TO THESE ATTRIBUTES, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS COME OUT OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS WITHOUT MUCH DAMAGE AND DISLOCATION, UNGER SAID.

11. LOOKING BACK OVER HIS PAST YEAR IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED THAT AS FAR AS HIS MISSION IS CONCERNED, "IT WAS A SATISFYING EXPERIENCE."

12. TODAY'S LUNCHEON, HELD IN WASHINGTON'S WATERGATE RESTAURANT, WAS JOINTLY GIVEN BY THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS OF THE CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY, THE CENTRAL DAILY NEWS AND THE UNITED DAILY NEWS. BURTON LEVIN, UNCLASSIFIED

DIRECTOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AFFAIRS, STATE DEPARTMENT, ATTENDED THE LUNCHEON BY INVITATION.

13. AMBASSADOR UNGER ARRIVED BACK IN WASHINGTON A WEEK AGO. HE HAS HELD MEETINGS WITH SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS ABOUT HIS MISSION IN TAIPEI.

14. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS LUNCHEON DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE PRESS CORPS, UNGER MET WITH ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE ROBERT INGERSOLL IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IS EXPECTED TO WIND UP HIS CONSULTATION TRIP OVER THE COMING WEEKEND AND SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO HIS POST EARLY JUNE.

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